

Congressman Mike Pence [appeared](#) on ABC's webcast ["Top Line"](#) with Rick Klein earlier today to discuss the President's speech to a joint session of Congress last night.

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, Klein's blog:

On ABCNews.com's "Top Line" today, Rep. Mike Pence, the chairman of the House Republican Conference, joined that chorus, saying he was "disappointed" in Wilson's comment and that his colleague did the right thing by quickly apologizing.

Pence made clear, however, that his disappointment extends to President Obama as well.

"I was disappointed with my colleague's statement on the House floor. I think Congressman Wilson was right to apologize to the president last night. I think that kind of rhetoric is disappointing on the floor of the people's house," said Pence, R-Ind., the third-ranking member of GOP House leadership.

"But candidly, I was also disappointed when the president said that his critics were lying. I don't know that there's any precedent in American history for the president of the United States coming to the well and leveling that kind of an accusation at his critics."

Pence said he wasn't trying to excuse Wilson's comment.

"You know, democracy takes heavy doses of civility," he said. "I think we all own responsibility for what we say and do, whether we're on the floor of the Congress or on Main Street in America. So, I don't want to -- I don't want to blame-shift here. Joe's taken responsibility for what he said and he's apologized."

"But I do think millions of Americans were likely surprised by the very partisan tone of aspects of the president's speech," Pence said.

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